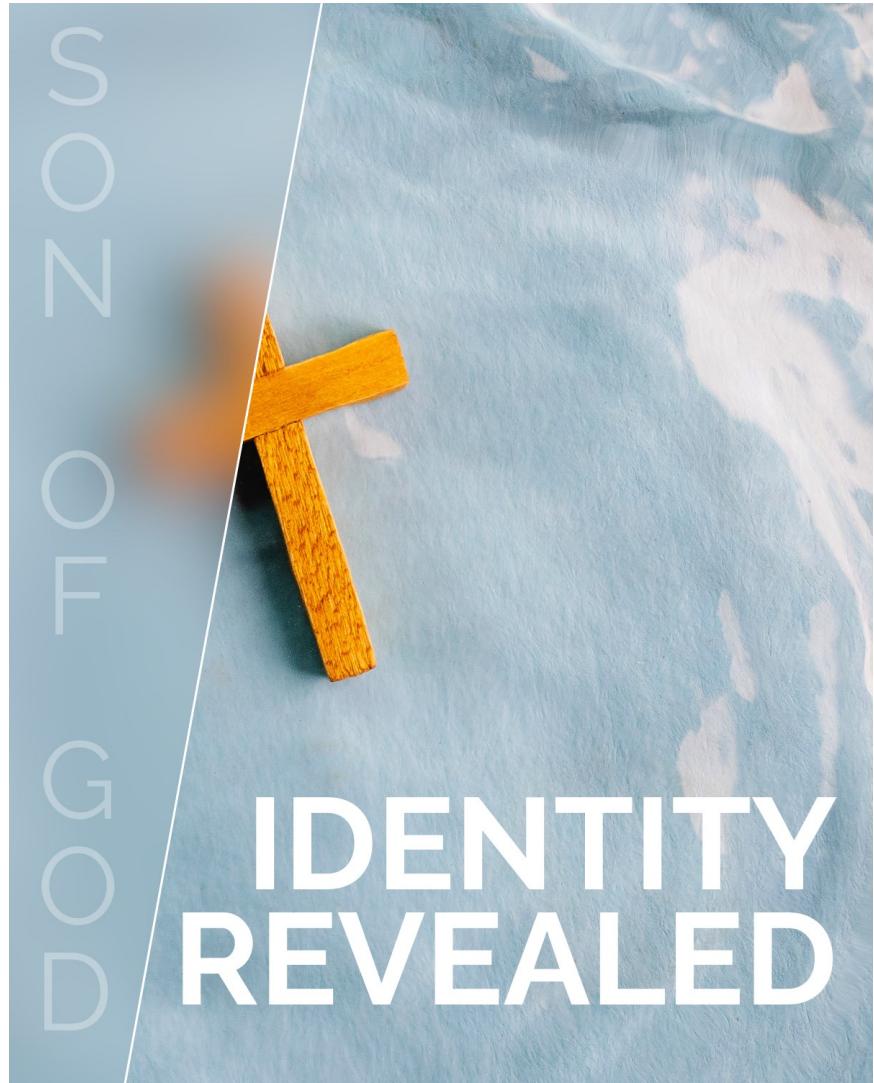


Transfiguration Sunday

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Savior Jesus, you have revealed yourself to us in glory, but only for a moment. You grant us peace for eternity, but we trade it away when faced with contention. Reach out to us with your Word, let your words "do not be afraid" abide with us today so that we can stand firm amidst the waves of disaster surrounding us. Give us confidence to proclaim and demonstrate what it means to be at peace beside still waters. Then the peoples will see you through us, and they may be reconciled in view of your mercy and grace. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: Jesus was a real human being, and most of the time he looked like it. But atop a high mountain, Jesus gave three disciples a glimpse of his true glory as the Son of God. After he came down from the mountain, Jesus went to Jerusalem to suffer and die. It is good for us to view Jesus in glory on the mountain. It prepares us for Lent, and it prepares us for life.

OUR WORSHIP SERIES: "Epiphany" comes from a Greek word that means "reveal." In this season we see Jesus begin his public ministry, revealing the reason the Son of God came to earth. During Epiphany, we come to understand that when the true identity of Jesus is revealed, we realize our own true identity as well.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Preacher: Pastor JonAlden Pedersen

Piano/Organ: Madison Boerner, Luke Dorn

(Sunday) Pre-Service Handbells:

Prelude on Holy Manna

Cathy Marker

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Peggy Bettcher

Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting One



Hymn: How Good, Lord, to Be Here

CW 389 sts. 1-4

1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here your beau - ty to be - hold,
3 Ful - fil - ler of the past, and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king-dom come;

your face and gar-ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor-rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes-sen-gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re-demp-tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.

Please stand.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSON & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: If we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.** *(1 John 1:8-9)*

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father,**

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn: How Good, Lord, to Be Here

CW 389 sts. 5-6



5 But you, Lord, do not stay. With mer - cy res - o - lute
6 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



you leave this glo-rious hill to die— our per-fect sub - sti - tute.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

First Reading

Exodus 24:9-18

On Mount Sinai Moses saw the glory of the Lord's law. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Moses would see the glory of the Lord's gospel.

⁹Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. ¹¹But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

¹³Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back

to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

¹⁵When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud.

¹⁷To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day: You Are My Son

Psalm 2A

Refrain



You are my Son; this day have I be - got - ten you.

Tone



Why do the / nations rage?

Why do the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers assemble a/ gainst the LORD and against his A- / nointed One. *Refrain*

He who sits in / heaven laughs;
the Lord / scoffs at them.

Then he addresses them in his anger and frightens them with his fury, / saying,
"I have set my King on Zion, my / holy hill." *Refrain*

I will declare the / LORD's decree:
He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- / gotten you."
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the / Holy Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

As an eyewitness to the majesty and glory of Jesus, St. Peter testifies to the reliability of the Christian faith.

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 9:7

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - - - le - lu - ia.

A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud:

“This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” **Refrain**

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

The transfiguration of our Lord.

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

⁵While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified.

⁷But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid."

⁸When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated.

Children's Devotion

Hymn: Down from the Mount of Glory

CW 388



1 Down from the mount of glo - ry came Je - sus Christ, our Lord.
2 Trans - fig - ured, Christ, the low - ly, stood ra-diant in the light,
3 Yet mark this glo - ry hid - den! See him the mount de-scend
4 Strange how his jour - ney end - ed! In love that is his fame
5 Then hail the dou - ble glo - ry of Je - sus Christ, our Lord,



Re - call the won-drous sto - ry, rich gem in sa - cred Word.
light found in God - head sole - ly, for hu - man eyes too bright.
and, by the Fa - ther bid - den, his will - ing foot - steps bend
our Lord a - gain as - cend - ed a mount - the hill of shame.
and let the won-drous sto - ry full peace and joy af - ford!



A - gain your faith will view him in dou - ble glo - ry here;
Then came a voice from heav - en, con-firmed what here we see;
to seek hu - mil - i - a - tion in deep - est depths of woe,
Up - on the cross he prof - fered him - self to ag - o - ny;
The ho - ly mount ac-claims him the maj - es - ty di - vine;



the great - er hom - age due him will in your life ap - pear.
the words "my Son" were giv - en to seal his de - i - ty.
to suf - fer deg - ra - da - tion no mind can probe or know.
his ho - ly soul he of - fered to set the guilt - y free.
Mount Cal - va - ry pro - claims him Re - deem - er - yours and mine.

"It is Good for Us to be Here"

Please stand after the sermon.

THANKSGIVING

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated.

Offering



Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.



We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



Please stand.

(Saturday) Adult Confirmation

After instruction with Pastor Pedersen, we welcome Sharon Gilbert into our church family. While the practice of confirmation is never mentioned or commanded in Scripture, it is a valuable tradition as new members confess their shared faith with us and as they proclaim before God and all of us to remain faithful to him.

(Saturday) The service continues on page 164 of the hymnal.

Prayer of the Church

M: Eternal God and Father, we pray for the Church around the world. Always keep your people faithful to you. Lift the veil from our eyes and guide us to see Christ in the Word and sacraments. During all the distractions of life, help us set our sights on Jesus. Keep us safe and protect us from the tricks and treachery of the devil. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: We pray that you move us to have compassion on those stumbling in the darkness and empower us to proclaim Christ to all who have no faith. Give us courage to be unashamed of the light you have given us and to carry it willingly with joy wherever we go and whatever we do. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Hear our prayers for Christians everywhere who are being persecuted because of the light they bear. Give them the strength to endure the hardships they are undergoing and give them the peace and hope of Christ as they battle on. [We pray especially for...here name the person and the cause of the petition.] Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: We pray that Christ reveals his gracious presence to all who suffer. We pray especially for our families and those in our circle of friends who are sick or in need and for everyone whose needs we hold in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Be with us, Lord, as we think about the coming days of Lent. Let your law convince us that we indeed deserve your punishment and would be lost forever without Christ. As our hearts fill with sorrow and regret, lift us up to see the Savior's sacrifice on the cross and give us hearts full of faith in him. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

M: Lord God, hear the prayers we offer and let your grace and mercy flow to us and all for whom we pray. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Light of the world.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and \pm give you peace.

C: Amen.

Hymn: Alleluia, Song of Triumph

CW 977



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while
4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing— hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
pure ac - cord, with Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,
here be - low; al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty— as we look to your blest East - er,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; saints a - doned in
jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, and with all his
make us for a while for - go. For the sol - emn
here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, when we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.
faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.
time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.
more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

Silent Prayer and Announcements

Lenten Worship Preview

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

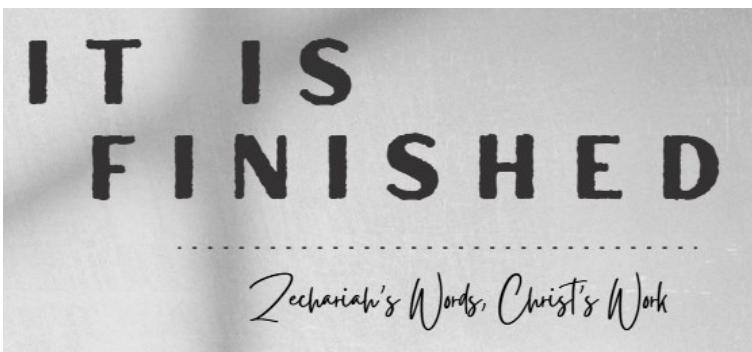
Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy fellowship in the entry between services. Sunday morning, children ages 3yrs to 6th grade are invited to learn more about Jesus in Sunday JAM, starting at 9:15am in the Kindergarten room. Adult Bible study begins at the same time in the fellowship hall downstairs.

For Worship Next Sunday

Worship theme: Exactly What I Need: A Champion

Bible Readings: Job 38:1-11; Acts 27:13-26; Mark 4:35-41

Hymns: 556, 863, 670, 836, 842



You're invited to join us for midweek worship as we begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 18, with services at 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm. Both services will include the traditional imposition of ashes and the Lord's Supper.

Each week between services, our fellowship committee will host dinner, beginning with a Lenten favorite: soup, salad, and desserts.

Our Lenten theme this year is "It Is Finished." Throughout the season, we will welcome area WELS pastors to explore how God's promises, spoken hundreds of years before Jesus went to the cross, point clearly to His Holy Week suffering, death, and resurrection. Long before Christ declared, "It is finished," the Lord had already promised that the saving work would be done. Set aside a little extra time this season to gather in worship, reflect on God's faithful promises, and meditate on the finished work of the Savior who frees us from every sin.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help!

Please take note of a few helpful things:

- ◆ Restrooms with diaper-changing tables are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance.
- ◆ Our sanctuary is equipped with a “loop” system for hearing assistance. Please set hearing aids to the “T” position or ask an usher for a headset.
- ◆ You will find a connection card in your pew. Please share names, contact information, and prayer requests.
- ◆ Salem members give an offering to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.
- ◆ Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the seats located beneath the balcony.

FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing, pray, and grow with us in our services.

We provide a few special worship aids and helps for families:

- ◆ Children's bulletins & activity bags are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- ◆ If your child needs a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live into the room.
- ◆ Children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the weekly children's message. Parents are welcome too!

**Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.**

